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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, LE
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: LEBANESE GENDARMERIE

REF: BEIRUT 1920

1. AT LUNCH TODAY (APRIL 6) ON BOARD NIMITZ, DCM
QUERIED IDF CHIEF OF STAFF DESIGNATE, GENERAL EITAN,
ABOUT ALLEGED IDF REFUSAL TO PERMIT 12 GENDARMES FROM
TYRE TO CONTINUE JOURNEY FROM ABBASIYAH TO TAKE UP
POSITIONS AT QASIMIYAH BRIDGE (APRA 5 REFTEL). EITAN
WAS FULLY BRIEFED ON INCIDENT. CLAIMED THERE
HAD BEEN NO PRIOR COORDINATION BY UNIFIL WITH IDF ON
MOVEMENT OF GENDARMES. GROUP HAD SHOWED UP AT CHECKPOINT
ARMED WITH KALASHNIKOV'S AND IN ABSENCE OF ANY INFO ON THEIR
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2. WHEN DCM REMONSTRATED THAT GENDARMES WERE ACCOMPANIED
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3. DCM REMINDED EITAN THAT WEIZMAN HAD REPEATEDLY STRESSED
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WRONG? EITAN'S ONLY RESPONSE CONTINUED TO BE THAT ALL MOVEMENTS OF ANY UNITS, UNIFIL OR GOL, MUST REPEAT MUST BE COORDINATED WITH IDF BEFORE TAKING PLACE. HE HAD INSTRUCTED GOI LIAISON OFFICER IN JERUSALEM TO MAKE THIS POINT CLEAR TO SIILASVUO THIS MORNING.

4. HE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF EFFECTIVENESS OF GOL LIAISON OFFICE IN NAQURA. SAID OFFICER HAD NO AUTHORITY AND HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM HIS POST MUCH OF THE TIME. HE ALLEGED HE CURRENTLY IS IN BEIRUT TENDING A SICK CHILD AND THERE IS NO ONE IN NAQURA REPRESENTING GOL.

5. ON SUBJECT OF WITHDRAWAL, EITAN SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO TEL AVIV THIS AFTERNOON TO MEET WITH SIILASVUO, GUR AND CO. FOR ANOTHER CUT AT DRAWING UP A WITHDRAWAL PLAN. THIS DREW AN EMBITTERED COMMENT THAT "YOU ARE LEANING TOO HARD ON US. GET OFF OUR BACKS FOR A WHILE." HE WAS TOLD THAT SOME PEOPLE ON OCCASION NEED TO BE SAVED FROM THEMSELVES.
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